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KUANG-CHOU RESTORES INLAND COMMUNICATIONS; HONG KONG TELEPHONE SERVICE DELAYED

OPENS TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE SERVICES -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 1 Nov 49

Hong Kong, 24 October -- Up to 24 October 1949, the following agencies in Kueng-chou had been taken over by the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission: Postal and Telecommunication offices, the Municipal Government Office, the Shipping Office, Tax Office, Customs House, Courts and the financial and cultural agencies.

Since it was taken over on 21 October 1949, telegraph service has been restored to the following points in the liberated areas: Pei-p'ing, T'ienching, Shang-hai, Han-k'ou, Man-ching, Ch'ang-sha, Man-ch'ang, Fu-chou, and Heng-yang. Wireless telephone service is in operation between Kuang-chou and Pei-p'ing, T'ien-ching, Shang-hai, Han-k'ou, Nan-ching, Ch'ang-sha, and Wire telephone service was restored between Kuang-chou and Shaokuan, and Ying-te. Although the retreating Mationalists had intended to destroy the telephone and telegraph installations, they were unable to do so because of the rapid advance of the CCF. The employees succeeded in protecting practically all of the equipment. At the Yol-ts'un railroad pards over 100 locomotives were preserved without damage.

On 24 October 1949, the Amang-chou--Chiu-lung line running as far as P'ing-hu, the Eusng-chou--Han-k'ou line as far as Ying-te, and the Emangchou-fan-shui was operating throughout its whole length.

HONG KONG -- KUANG-CHOU POSTAL SERVICE RESUMED -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 23 Oct 49

Postal service between Hong Kong and Kuang-chou has been resumed as of 22 October 1949. Two transfers enroute are required at Shen-ch'uan and Shihlung, thus slowing transmission to 2 or 3 days.

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HOMG KONG -- KNANG-CHOU TELEPHONE SERVICE STILL OUT -- Hein-sheng Wan-pao, 29 Oct 49

Although a message was received by the Hong Kong Telephone Bureau from the Kuang-chou Telephone Bureau on 25 October 1949 saying that the long distance telephone service between these two cities probably would be resumed within the rext couple of days, it has not been resumed as yet. International diplomacy appears to be involved in the delay.

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